



CURBSIDE CLEANUP

QUESTIONS?
CALL 952-563-8750.

Be sure you're prepared by setting your materials at the curb before 7 a.m. on your pickup day. To prevent people from stealing copper and releasing hazardous chemicals into the air, please do not set appliances on the curb until the morning of your collection day. Remember, trucks will go through only once.

WEBSITE KEYWORD: CURBSIDE.

2010 CURBSIDE CLEANUP SCHEDULE

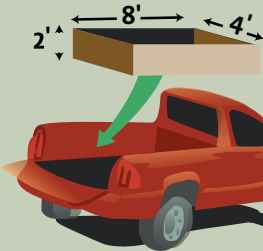
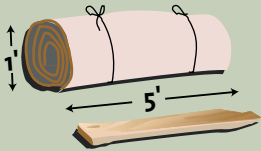
This year's Cleanup will go from east to west.

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| Saturday, April 10 | East boundary to Portland |
| Saturday, April 17 | Portland to Penn |
| Saturday, April 24 | Penn to France |
| Saturday, May 1 | France to Normandale |
| Saturday, May 8 | Normandale to western boundary |

ACCEPTED AT THE CURB

Please be considerate; haulers cannot spend more than a few minutes at each house in order to complete the routes.

- General junk:** Boxed, bagged or bundled – under 100 pounds per item.
- Appliances:** Water heaters, microwaves, refrigerators, washers, dryers, stoves, air conditioners, dehumidifiers, freezers, etc. Limit TWO appliances per house. **No need to call ahead.** NO electronics.
- Carpets/pads:** Rolled and securely tied. Under five feet long and one foot in diameter – larger rolls are hard to handle.
- Larger scrap metal ONLY:** Large scrap metal items that do not fit in the trunk of a car (swing sets, grills, etc.). All non-metal items (plastic, rubber) must be removed to be able to recycle the item. Smaller items can be taken to the Hennepin County Problem Materials Center. *See box below.*
- Unusable furniture:** Disassemble hideaway sofa beds so they do not open during handling.
- Mattresses/box springs.**
- Construction materials, lumber, windows and doors:** Pile limited to what fits in ONE level standard-size pickup truck. Lumber stacked and no longer than five feet. Bend nails. NO railroad ties. NO contractor materials.
- BUNDLED brush:** Branches smaller than three inches in diameter and five feet in length. Includes buckthorn.



PREVENT ILLEGAL DUMPING AND PROTECT AIR QUALITY

Window air conditioners and dehumidifiers set out at the curb are targets for people who take copper tubing from appliances to sell. It is illegal to cut the copper tubing in appliances because it releases toxic pollutants, such as Freon, into the air. To help prevent illegal dumping and protect air quality, do not set out appliances that contain Freon until 7 a.m. on the day of your pickup. For more information, call Public Works at 952-563-8751.

OPTIONS FOR ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED AT THE CURB HENNEPIN COUNTY PROBLEM WASTE AND RECYCLING FACILITY

1400 West 96th Street, 612-348-3777

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| TU, TH, F | 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. |
| W | 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. |
| SA | 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. |

- Hazardous waste:** Paints, motor oil, solvents and other household chemicals.
- Tires and batteries.**
- Electronics:** TVs, VCRs, computers, monitors, stereos and cordless phones.
- Recyclable materials:** Plastic and glass bottles, cans and all paper.
- Gas-powered, refrigeration appliances:** Camper/other fridges, air conditioners – call ahead, 612-348-5832.
- Small scrap metal** that fits into a car trunk.
- Nonrefillable propane or butane cylinders** and one-pound canisters.



BURNSVILLE LANDFILL
952-890-3248

- Concrete, bricks.
- Porcelain: Tubs, sinks, toilets.
- Shingles.

NSP COMPOSTING
Burnsville, 952-736-1915

- Leaves, grass clippings, sod.
- Stumps, logs.

Earth Action Heroes protect the earth. Whether it's saving energy or guarding Bloomington's precious natural resources, these individuals are making a difference. Here are your neighbors in action ...



EARTH ACTION HEROES THOMAS AVENUE GREEN THUMBS



Thomas Avenue was chosen for the pilot project due to its soil condition and location near Nine Mile Creek. The rainwater gardens were created to infiltrate and prevent stormwater runoff into nearby water bodies. Aesthetics was also a factor in their creation. Each rainwater garden was designed specifically to fit the unique features of the property it occupies. A landscape architect from Barr Engineering assisted in the original rainwater garden designs and selection of plants.

The project was funded by the City's Stormwater Utility Fund and a grant from the Nine Mile Creek Watershed District.

Engineering staff will monitor the gardens for effectiveness, ease of maintenance and overall value. The City is planning a similar project for a neighborhood near Thomas Avenue in the late spring.

You can create your own rainwater garden. *See page 8 for upcoming rainwater garden workshops.*

WEBSITE KEYWORDS: RAINWATER GARDEN.



UNCLUTTER YOUR WORLD SIMPLIFY LIFE WITH CITYWIDE GARAGE SALES

Here are three simple ways to unclutter your home and clean up for spring: Set out items for the Curbside Cleanup, *see article left*; donate quality items to a local charity; or sell your unwanted treasures at the Citywide Garage Sales.

The Bloomington Optimist Youth Foundation, with the support of Human Services, will hold the 2010 Bloomington Citywide Garage Sales, **Thursday, May 27 - Saturday, May 29.** To advertise your garage sale on the official 2010 list, you will need to pay \$20 or \$25 for a listing and a yard sign.

Copies of the Citywide Garage Sales list are available for \$2 each through the Bloomington Optimist Youth Foundation. Lists will also be available on the City's website shortly before May 27. For more information, call the Bloomington Optimist Youth Foundation at 952-831-3798.

